

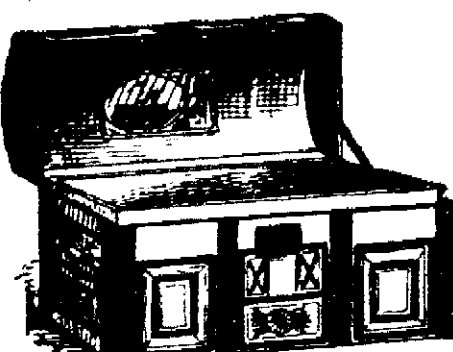
THE FAIR.

SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.—The time was when Santa Claus manufactured his own gifts. But since we have gone in the toy business he finds they can be bought cheaper than he can make them. The first thing when he rises in town is to enquire if it has a SYNDICATE FAIR STORE and he comes early, is much too wise to wait until the final rush, when the best has been selected and just what he wants is sold. Below are a few of his special orders. We are satisfied he knows what to order that please old as well as young.

We think he has a large place in his heart for little girls as he nearly always begins on

DOLLS.

He buys the J. D. K. kid doll, the very best on the market, from 10c to \$3.50, and the prettiest dressed doll, 13 inches, in different colors, with hat to match, for 25c. Talk about jointed dolls, you should see his smile when examining their silk and satin dresses, fancy hair, etc., 35c to \$1.80.



Trunks come next to pack their clothes in with travel, lock and key, 25 to 98c.

Doll Carriages

And go-carts. Upholstered, parasol, etc., 25c to \$2.50. Then we know very well the little girls for a time to find something jolly for the boys. How he does rattle it off. Sleighs that just suit them from 25c up. Stationary engines, magic lanterns, swords, steel toys, they can bang about, from 10c up. Rocking horses, toilet chests, pocket

knives, tops, yo-yos, horns, drums, etc., from 10c up. We wish you might see him when he catches the used. Think he will need more roomers to draw these large regular 50c comes for 22c; blocks for 10c that sell elsewhere for 25c. One thing we will just whisper to the mamma won't bear. He never forgets the

Then back to the girls again, for they as well as the boys, love those lovely books for 5 and 10c and what all mamma are paying 35c for he gets at 22c, and those bright lithographed linen books at 5c, everyone else sells for 10c.

He knows no girl's house is complete without a piano to accompany her brother's horn.

Now back he comes for another load. This time it is white cradles, gold knobs, etc., 25c up, with white dressers to match. Toilet stand, all complete. Extension tables, from 25 to 98c. Oak side boards, high chairs, dishes, china and britanna, 4 bottled castors 10c; Bissell's toy sweeper that does the work as well as the larger ones at 15c. Oh, yes, we nearly forgot the kitchen. Here is the iron stove and furniture, 25c up, iron and stand 5c, brooms 5 and 10c, dust pans 5c, wash sticks, etc. Then there is the baby's ark, to be filled with

bought rattles, rubber toys, knit dolls, chimies, cows, sheep, donkeys, horses, dogs, etc., with double rocking horse, tray attached to keep the toys in, from 50c to \$1.75, or a small yellow or white rocker, plush seat, etc., 25 to 98c. Black boards and desks 25c up, small office chairs 98c.

Our reputation for fine china at cheap prices is so well established it seems a waste of time to mention it. But we have so many new pretty pieces that we want you to know about, in comb and brush trays, 25c, bread plates 25c to \$1.50, dainty cups and saucers 10c to 98c, salad 25c to \$1.50, celery trays, every milk to match, bread and butter plates, chocolate pots, cracker jars, condensed milk jars, fern jars, pudding sets, frames, plaques, shaving mugs, nut stands, syrup jars, candle sticks, oat meal sets.

Game sets, with platters and 12 plates to match, pin trays, bone dishes, olive dishes, jardiniers, bric-a-brac, bisque figures, etc.

If you want Rodgers' A No. 1 table ware for half the price you have been paying, we are ready for you with a full line A. D. spoons, tea, table and dessert spoons, sugar shells, butter knives, berry spoons, cold meat forks, child's set, knife, fork and spoon, etc.

Sterling Silver Novelties

You could hardly believe without seeing the STAMP could be sold so cheap. We can fill your toilet table, desk, work basket, etc., with useful as well as ornamental novelties.

Or if you have more money than you wish to spend, we have the purse to keep it in.

We have much the largest line of handkerchiefs in the city. \$1.50 per box, from 50c each to 75c to \$1.50 per box.

Also full line perfumes and atomizers.

You Know

Your wife has hinted time and again for a dinner set. Now is the time to please her. We have a line to choose from that you cannot fail to please her. Will guarantee every piece to not craze. Just go round, get prices, come to us last. Look at the potter's stamp and see if we do not do us as we advertise. Sell the best for the least money.

Some of you need a lamp or toilet set more than a dinner set. Well we are all right on those also.

Owing to our immense order for lamps for our six stores, we have been a little late in getting the line complete. But we are now ready to show a line that has never been equalled in Middletown. Our lamps are PERFECT, latest styles, tasteful decoration, simple construction, best of workmanship and finish, general design, insuring a perfectly clear and steady, white light, no flickering and no smoking.

A JUBILEE BANQUET

Fitting Close to Atlanta's Great Celebration.

PRESIDENT'S MEMORABLE SPEECH

Where the Flag Goes Up It Must Not Come Down—The Republic Able to Work Out All Its Problems.

ATLANTA, Dec. 16.—In the beautifully decorated dining room of the Kimball House last night the Atlanta peace jubilee, which brought to this city the president of the United States and resulted in utterances by the executive which have cemented the north and south, was brought to a fitting close by an elaborate banquet. Covers were laid for 300.

All the city's distinguished guests were present and seated at the president's table. Many prominent men from all parts of the south also graced the banquet.

Hon. Clark P. Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, acted as toastmaster. At the president's table were seated the president, Lyman J. Gage, Hon. J. D. Long, C. Emory Smith, Governor Allen D. Candler, Hon. James Wilson, Major General W. R. Shafter, Hon. R. A. Alger, Hon. Charles F. Warwick, Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, Lieutenant R. D. Spaulding, Hon. Stephen O'Meara, Major Livingston Mims, Hon. John Addison Porter, Captain R. J. Lowery, General A. C. M. Pennington, Governor Voorhees of New Jersey, H. K. Smith, D. G. Fennell, Hon. Frank P. Rice, General Henry W. Lawton, Rufus B. Lockwood, Hon. George R. Peck, Governor Joseph E. Johnston, Major General S. B. M. Young, Hon. E. E. Settle, Major General Joe Wheeler, Colonel W. A. Hemphill and Mayor C. A. Collier.

An elaborate menu was discussed, after which the speaking began.

Hon. Clark Howell introduced the president of the evening.

Mr. McKinley as he arose was the recipient of a hearty and spontaneous greeting. The cordiality with which he has been received on all occasions during his visit was nowhere more evident than at last night's gathering. The president was compelled to stand and bow some minutes before those about the tables would permit him to proceed. He said:

"I am not a stranger to your hospitality. You have always given me a courteous and cordial reception. My first visit was under the auspices of your fellow citizen, Captain Howell, and another distinguished Georgian, Mr. Elihu Grady, since called from the field of activity when he was at the height of his usefulness and when the whole nation could ill spare him and sorrowed at his untimely death. Then we were engaged in an economic discussion in which honest differences prevailed and heated discussions ruled the hour. I do not forget that then, although advocating the theory of taxation seemingly opposed to the majority sentiment of your state and city, you accorded me an impartial hearing. Stranger as I was to all of you, you made me feel at home, and from that hour Atlanta won my heart. My subsequent visits have only served to increase my admiration for your enterprising city.

Four years have gone since I last met the people of Georgia in public assembly. Much has happened in the intervening time.

"The nation has been at war, not with its own shores, but with a foreign power—a war waged not for revenge or aggrandizement, but for our oppressed neighbors, for their freedom and amelioration.

"It was short but decisive. It recorded a succession of significant victories on land and on sea. It gave new honors to American arms. It has brought new problems to the republic, whose solution will tax the genius of our people. United we will meet and solve them with honor to ourselves and to the lasting benefit of all concerned. The war brought us together. Its settlement will keep us together.

"Realized glorious realization. It expresses the thought of my mind and the long deferred consummation of my heart's desire as I stand in this presence. It interprets the hearty demonstration here witnessed and is the permanent refrain of all sections and all levels of the republic.

"To us it is one country again and one country forever. Proclaim it from the press and pulpit; teach it in the schools; write it across the skies. The world goes and feels it. It cheers every heart north and south and brightens the life of every American home. Let nothing ever strain it again. At peace with all the world and with each other, what can stand in the pathway of our progress and prosperity?"

Hon. John D. Long, secretary of the navy, followed, responding to the toast, "The Navy."

Major General William R. Shafter responded for the army.

Hon. Lyman Gage of the treasury delivered a polished speech in reply to the toast, "How the People Paid the Bill." Like those who preceded him, the secretary's words were warmly applauded.

All decorum was laid aside for the moment when General Joe Wheeler arose to respond to his toast. The distinguished southerner was cheered and cheered, and it was fully five minutes before he was permitted to proceed.

"When the sound of war was heard at Lexington and Concord, it was a brave band of Virginians, under Captain Morgan, that hastened to the defense of their American brothers in New England. The Virginian boy hero who fought under Braddock, now in the maturity of manhood, hastened to the army in front of Boston and after seven years of battle finally conquered peace and laid the foundation of what is now the most powerful government on earth. Among other heroes from the southern states who were distinguished in that war was the brave Marion of South Carolina and the chivalrous 'Lighthorse' Harry Lee of Virginia.

The leading generals of the war of 1812-16 were Winfield Scott of Virginia, the hero of Lundy's Lane, and Andrew Jackson of Tennessee, the hero of New Orleans and the victor in many other sanguinary battles. Also prominent among the actors in that war were Major Generals Thomas Pinkney, Wade Hampton and George Izard of South Carolina, James Wilkinson of Maryland and Thomas Flournoy of Georgia.

"In our war with Mexico it was Zach Taylor of Louisiana who won Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palana, Monterey and Buena Vista, and it was Scott of Virginia who led our armies in their triumphal victories from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico. Prominent in that struggle also was the gallant Guitman of Mississippi, Twigg of Georgia and Pillow of Tennessee, and our southern troops in that war suffered proportionately much greater losses than did those of any other section.

"In the war of 1861-5 the martial spirit of the southern people was most vigorously demonstrated. The entire country rose to arms, the able bodied men of the southern states flocking to one or the other of the standards of the contending hosts, the records showing that the people of the slave holding states were almost equally divided, those who fought under the stars and stripes of the Union being fully equal in number to those who arrayed themselves under the stars and bars of the Confederacy.

"When the call to arms was sounded a few months ago, the people of no part of our country responded with more fervor and devotion than did those of the southern states, and none was more anxious than they to encounter their country's foe. The first officer to give up his life upon the sea was the gallant Bagley of North Carolina, and the first officer to fall in battle on land was the gallant Capron, from a family proudly claimed by the state of Florida—that land of sun and flowers. While it is true that there was no distinctive southern organization in the Cuban campaign, yet every state in the south was represented in the regular regiments and the First volunteer cavalry. The same is true regarding the regular regiments which were at Manila, while one of the best regiments of our army in the Philippines was the First volunteer infantry from the state of Tennessee.

General S. B. M. Young filled the place assigned to General Chaffee. In reply to the toast, "The Volunteer as Viewed by a Regular In Command," he said in part:

"A call was made by our president for volunteers. Unfortunately—and, my friends, I speak adversely—we accepted, and mustered into the United States service regiments and officers in their entirety from these state guards. This was a mistake, but, as I said before, this pertains to a subject of which our worthy secretary of war will read from an official communication. In addition to these regiments accepted from the states other regiments were organized from the material from which the best soldier the world ever saw was molded. In looking at the volunteers and considering them as soldiers the fact is lost sight of that they have not received a professional education.

"I dwell more particularly on two volunteer regiments, the Seventy-first New York and the Second Massachusetts, for the reason that these were the only volunteer regiments except the First volunteer cavalry—the Rough Riders—present with the regular forces that played any part in the battles in and about Santiago.

"I have sincerely regretted that these regiments were taken away from my brigade and my command, not that they were placed under the command of General Lawton, who is a soldier worthy of the name, but they were brought into action before they had attained that confidence in their company and regimental officers that is necessary to success in an engagement. Understand me distinctly that I am not criticizing the action of these regiments under fire. There is no better material than could be found in these two regiments, but they lacked the instruction and the training necessary to succeed in the extreme hour of trial. With our limited force in that expedition it was necessary to call upon those regiments, but they were called upon too soon. They were not fitted for the work."

Hon. Charles Emory Smith, postmaster general, was the next speaker.

He was followed by Governor Joseph F. Johnston of Alabama.

Hon. Charles F. Warwick, mayor of Philadelphia, responded to "What the Liberty Bell Says About It."

Mayor Warwick is a favorite in Atlanta, and his rare prize was gratifying to our citizens. "Dear Father of Kentucky," who spoke for Joseph R. Kelly, and Richmond P. Hobson were the last speakers.

Yesterday afternoon the president reviewed a civic and military parade after which he spoke at the Auditorium. In the course of his speech he made the following very important statement in regard to the administration's policy in the Philippines:

"The flag has been planted in two hemispheres and there it remains, the symbol of liberty and law, of peace and progress. Who will withdraw it from the people over whom it floats in protecting folds? Who will haul it down?"

"To this nation and every nation there come formative periods in its life and history. New conditions will be met only by new methods. Meeting these conditions hopefully and facing them bravely and wisely is to be the mightiest test of American virtue and capacity.

"The glories of the war cannot be dimmed, but the result will be incomplete and unworthy of us unless supplemented by civil victories, harder possibly to win, in their way no less indispensable.

"We will have our difficulties and our embarrassments. They follow all victories and accompany all great responsibilities. They are inseparable from every great movement or reform. But American capacity has triumphed over all in the past.

"The republic is today larger, stronger and better prepared than ever before for wise and profitable developments in new directions."

NEW GUNS PLEASE MILES.

Gatling Cast Steel Gun Tested at Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—General Nelson A. Miles was the Waldorf-Astoria last night and was enthusiastic over the tests of two new guns and a new carriage made at the government testing grounds at Sandy Hook in the afternoon by himself and the board of ordnance.

"The 'Howd' disappearing gun carriage," said he, "met all tests successfully and we were delighted with it. Both guns that we tested are of new design and have never been used in warfare. The first was the Gatling cast steel high power gun. This differs greatly from the wire wound gun or built up gun. We fired five shots in all, one with a one-half charge, one with a three-quarters charge, and the other three with full service charges. All were highly successful.

"The other gun was the Sims-Dudley 5 inch dynamite gun. This is a projectile destructive gun. It throws a projectile three miles. Today was the first time it was ever officially tested. We threw three of the projectiles along the beach to witness the effects. They tore up the beach in a manner terrible to behold. The concussion was so great that within a radius of 100 feet it would be dangerous to life. There is practically no recoil to the gun, and it will be one of the most deadly weapons ever used in warfare. There never were more successful tests made than we made this afternoon."

General Miles was also willing to talk freely about increasing the size of the regular army.

"I believe," said he, "that it is important that the government have an efficient and effective army, and that it should get one as speedily as possible. I don't believe it should be larger than immediate necessities require, or large enough to menace the freedom of the people. It is necessary that a first class power, which the United States has become, should have a large army. As far as my personal opinions go, I think that all that I have said of the army should apply to the navy with equal force."

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

M. Mueller of Berne has been elected president of the Swiss confederation.

The socialistic leader in the Reichstag criticised Emperor William's home policy.

The Spanish government has agreed to pay the January coupons of the Cuban debt.

Baron Vernon, captain of the Honorable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, died in London.

Danish officials at St. Thomas refused to permit the American steamer Gypsum King to dock for fear of violating the neutrality laws.

Hongkong papers admit the existence of a secret treaty by which Russia was to aid China with army and navy if necessary until her army is organized.

Transatlantic Liner in Distress.

SKIBBEREN, Ireland, Dec. 16.—A dispatch received here from Baltimore, about seven miles southwest, says that a steamer, supposed to be a transatlantic liner, is in distress off the coast there. She has been throwing distress signals for some time. Owing to the heavy fog which hangs over the channel, no further information has yet been obtained regarding the steamer. If the report, which is not confirmed, is well founded, the vessel may possibly be the Dominion line steamer New England, Captain MacAnley, which left Boston Dec. 8 for Liverpool.

SIX KILLED IN A RAILWAY WRECK.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 16.—A passenger train on the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad was wrecked last night near Madison by a collision with cattle on the track, although the engineer made every effort to stop the train. Six persons were killed, as follows: E. H. Chandler, engineer, James Evans, colored, fireman, John T. Sullivan of St. Augustine, attached to the army, Rev. S. H. Coleman, a colored preacher of Jacksonville, John A. Rhodes, colored, of Pensacola, Alfred Austin, colored, of Charles.

O'Brien's Ferryboat Damaged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The ferryboat J. H. Brinkerhoff, which left New York Wednesday afternoon for Havana, commanded by Captain O'Brien of illustrious fame and known as "Dynamite Johnnie," returned and anchored off Tompkinsville last night, damaged by fire in some part of her woodwork, ignited from the electric light which was running through the vessel and exploded while at anchor. The extent of the damage is not stated, but is expected to take two or three days to repair.

New Cutlery Company in Rochester.

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—The Rochester Cutlery company of Rochester was incorporated with the secretary of state yesterday with a capital of \$100,000. The company proposes to manufacture knives, razors and other edged tools and blades of all kinds. Its directors are Warren H. Tuttle of Canandaigua, Irving Robinson and Milo H. Olin of Perry and F. Robinson and George W. Robinson of Rochester.

THE SYNDICATE FAIR STORE,
No. 8 EAST MAIN ST., MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.
Other Stores—Carbonale, Pittston, Hazelton, Mahanoy City and Shamokin, Pa.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have completed our preparations for the approaching holidays, and suggest that an early visit will afford better opportunities for deliberation and the advantage of a complete stock to select from.

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| Men's Velvet Slippers, | 50c |
| Men's Brown Imitation Alligator Slippers, | 50c |
| Men's Black Imitation Alligator Slippers, | 50c |
| Men's Velvet Slippers 75c. | Men's Tan Vici Opera Slippers, \$1 |
| Men's Black Vici Opera Slippers \$1 | Boys' Black Velvet Slippers, 60c |
| Boys' Tan Pearl Everett, 60c | Youths' Velvet Everett, 50c |
| Ladies' Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers, | \$1.25 |
| Ladies' Black Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers, | \$1.25 |
| Misses' Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers, | \$1.00 |
| Children's Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers, | \$1.00 |

Selections made now will be set aside until called for, or delivered any time previous to Christmas.

SAMUELS' ONE PRICE SHOE STORE,

No. 11 North St., Middletown.

\$5.25 A HUNDRED FOR Graulated Sugar.

\$4.25 a Barrel Washburn Crosby & Co.'s Flour.

SLOAT'S CASH STORE
MIDDLETOWN HAND LAUNDRY, 11 DEPOT ST.

M. A. HAWES,
Shoemaker to Men & All sons. Make a specialty of doing fine laundry work. All work washed and ironed by hand. Family delivered our specialty. Goods called for and delivered. 1743m/172

MORE RICE Peddler's.—In order to reduce a O. K. Rice Christmas, a O. K. Rice and fancy hatching that were from 30c to 50c, now at 10c each. Walking hats and gloves at 50c. The same walking hats at 75c. That were \$1.25, a nice felt hat, in black and all colors at 75c. were 98c. WAB. BUSH, 141 North street.

WE INVITE!

Your attention to our stock of California, Oregon and Washington Prunes. We have some of the finest brands in assorted sizes. Choice quality Molasses Syrup, Maple Syrup and White Comb Honey.

MAPES BROS.,
Grocers, West Main St., Corner Mill. Telephone 138.

Programme This Week at Cottage Theatre, Mechanicstown.

Miss Ward, cont. comic, Miss Carrie Kaufman, operatic singer, Miss Mearns, comic singer and dancer, Ed Keenan, champion light dancer of the world, Harry Thayer, light Amateur Night, December.



On Christmas Morn
With a pair of my reading glasses you may bring the same joyful smiles on the face of this old lady to a good old mother or father.

THINK, AND LOOK AND READ.
But you will find no present that will please as well and be so useful as

Every Day Usefulness as a Pair of Good Glasses, My Kind.

A thorough and scientific examination FREE before or after presentation. I do repairing.

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ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Friday Ev'ng. Dec. 16th.

Hoyt's great theatre success,

A BACHELOR'S HONEY.

MOON!

presented by Mr. Leod's company, headed by

George F. Nash

who made such a hit in Chimie Fadden.

No Advance in Price of Admission

Reserved Seat Chart will be opened Tuesday morning.

Casino Theatre

Saturday, Dec. 17th

Return of the Favorites,

GUY BROS.

MINSTRELS.

Entire new show, bigger and better than ever

New first part, the gathering of the duds

Finest singers, dancers, acrobats and comedians

B at band and orchestra traveling

Watch for the big street parade at noon the day of the show.

Seats on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

PRICES 25, 35, 50c. BOX'S AND LOGES 75c.

Casino Theatre

ONE SOLID WEEK.

Commencing Monday, Dec 19

MISS JESSIE SAWTELLE,

SUPPORTED BY

Mr. Geo. H. Summers.

AND THE SUPERB

SAWTELLE DRAMATIC CO.

REPERTOIRE

Monday—Dangers of a Great City.

Tuesday—The Captain's Mate.

Wednesday—On the Hudson.

Thursday—True as Steel.

Friday—The Buckeye.

Saturday Evening—The Phoenix.

Popular Prices 10, 20, 30c.

Seats now on sale at Dusenberry's Jewry Store.

Grain, Flour, Feed.

Baled Hay and Straw at Lowest Market Rates.

C. J. EVERSON,

ORANGE CO. SURROGATE'S COURT

Report of the Proceedings Before Hon. S. P. Howell, Surrogate, Ending December 15, 1898.

WILLS ADMITTED.

The wills of the following persons have been admitted to probate: Last will and testament of John Hoban, late of Deerpark, Honora Huban, ex'r; of Ezra Bull, late of Middletown, Ira M. Corwin and Robert H. Dolson, ex'rs; of Nicholas I. Quackenbush, late of Montgomery, Catharine R. Quackenbush, ex'r; of Fridig Meyer, late of Newburgh city, George Kraft, ex'r; of Henry P. Johnson, late of Newburgh town, Goldsmith D. Johnson, ex'r; of Samuel Lipfield, late of Middletown, Jessie Lipfield, ex'r; of Sarah A. Shonts, late of Minisk, Charles W. Lutes, ex'r; of Harriet C. Whitten, late of Montgomery, Madison Whitten, ex'r.

Objections have been filed against the probate of the last will and testament of Nancy B. McNeal, late of Montgomery, and the further hearing set down for Dec. 19th, before the Surrogate at Goshen.

ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of administration have been granted as follows: On the estate of Thomas Conisky, late of Mt. Hope, to Mary Conisky, widow; of David Sparks, late of Montgomery, to George N. Sparks, son; of Louis Wolff, late of Middletown, to Charles Wolff, father; of Charlotte Pearson, late of Montgomery, to Ida E. Hall, only child; of John J. Mende, late of Chester, to Michael Mende, father; of Peter Dugan, late of Tuxedo, to Elizabeth McDonnell, sister.

GUARDIANSHIP.

Letters of guardianship have been issued as follows: On the person and property of Hannah Lipfield, to Isaac Lipfield, brother, of Middletown, of the property of George E. Duffy and John B. Duffy, Jersey City, N. J., who have property and estate in the county of Orange, to Michael Duffy, father; of Ellen A. Dargion, to Elizabeth McDonnell, aunt, both of Tuxedo.

DECREE.

Decrees have been entered in the matter of the judicial account of John W. Simpson and Emma Simpson, ex'rs, of Joseph Simpson, late of Goshen; of Edmund King, ex'r, of Martha King, late of Chester, of Chas. L. Moad and Chas. W. Coleman, ex'rs of Caroline M. Robertson, late of Middletown; of Hannah C. Hall, adm'x of Wm. L. Hall, late of Minisk, of Wm. L. Baxter, adm'r of Hector Savage, late of Mount Hope, of the dore Shy, ex'r, of John Lazar, late of Warwick, of Robert McKel, adm'r, of Jane M. McKel, late of Minisk, of John E. Duryea, adm'r, of John Root, late of Warwick, of Anna A. Gray, adm'r, of Samuel P. Gray, late of New Windsor.

Objections have been filed by Richard Kidd to the account rendered by Willet Kidd, as adm'r, of Lewis Kidd, late of Montgomery, and the further hearing adjourned to Dec. 20, before the Surrogate at Newburgh.

The D. and H. Canal Company's Coal Business.

From the Honesdale Independent.

During the month of November the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company shipped 104,791 tons of coal, 9,897 tons by 72 canal boats, the remainder by the Erie railroad. The total shipment for the season is 1,089,546 tons, 260,987 by canal and 828,559 by rail. There was on Dec. 1, 132,471 tons on the Honesdale docks. The D. and H. mined and shipped 3,539,650 tons during the season. Of this amount 420,793 tons were mined and shipped in November. The decrease of this year over last year was 50,485 tons.

Broke Her Shoulder.

While John Prince and family, of Hurley, were out riding last Sunday, Mrs. Prince became frightened at the action of the horse and thinking they were going to run away, jumped out, striking the ground in such a way as to fracture one of the bones of her shoulder.

Ele Brakeman Injured.

J. C. Grinston, an Erie brakeman, who was injured on Wednesday, fell from the first car of his train to the tank of the engine, from which he rolled to the ground. Several ribs were broken and he sustained internal injuries, which necessitated his removal to the Port Jervis hospital.

Alder Lake Property Sold.

S. D. Cockehead, of Kingston, has purchased 140 acres of land, a tract of land in the town of Hurley, Erie county. Mr. Cockehead already owned Beaver Lake and will build a road connecting the lakes and make many other improvements.

Died in Thrall Hospital.

Mrs. Emma Tilford Hewitt, wife of H. M. Hewitt, of near Seawille, died in Thrall Hospital, Tuesday night, Dec. 13, from the effects of an operation performed that evening. She was thirty-five years old and is survived by a daughter, Estelle G., aged eight years.

Erie Holiday Excursion.

On Dec. 20th, the Erie will run an excursion to New York at rate of \$1.86 for round trip. Tickets will be good going on any morning train, Dec. 20th, and returning on any regular train (except No. 5) on or before Dec. 21st.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

SPINAL FEVER.

CASES OF GLANDERS.

Several Horses in This County Found to be suffering with the disease.

Harry P., a trotting horse owned by Samuel Pitts, of Montgomery, having been found to be afflicted with glanders, has been ordered killed. A State appraiser visited Montgomery, Wednesday, and appraised the horse at \$50, the highest amount allowed by law, and Mr. Pitts will receive that amount.

Horses belonging to Edward Barrett, of Stony Ford, and Samuel R. Knapp, of Wallen, have recently been condemned as suffering from glanders. It is also said that several horses in the town of Warwick have been ordered shot because affected with this disease.

Celebrated Their Fifty-sixth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Maps, of the town of Mount Hope, celebrated the fifty-sixth anniversary of their wedding at their home, Thursday, Dec. 15. Their five children in this vicinity and their families were present. Ira B. Maps, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Horace McBride, of Norfolk, Nebraska, are the other children. Mr. and Mrs. Maps erected a new dwelling this summer and are hale and hearty, although in the seventies.

Ontario and Western's Annual Christmas Excursion.

On Dec. 20th, the Ontario and Western will sell tickets to New York city at greatly reduced rates, tickets good returning up to and including Dec. 27, on any regular train. The rate from Middletown will be \$1.86 for round trip.

PINE BUSH.

Second Lecture in Epworth League Course—Married—Other Notes.

Correspondence of Aurora and Mercury.

The second lecture in the Epworth League course will be delivered Friday evening, December 16, at 8 by the Rev. J. Lewis Hartsock, at the M. E. Church. Subject, "Galilee of the Time of Christ."

The pastor will preach at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday morning, subject, "The New Name." Evening subject, "Modern Flesh Pots."

Benjamin Rogers and Mary Holmes were united in marriage by Rev. J. L. Hartsock, Monday, Dec. 2.

D. S. Bowen has received an order to build another hearse, the fourth during the year.

A beautiful Schubert piano has recently arrived at the home of A. C. Decker.

MOUNT HOPE.

A Bad Fall—A Child's Funeral—A Surprise Party—War Graph Exhibition.

Correspondence of Aurora and Mercury.

Sidney Smith had the misfortune to fall, Wednesday, while pumping water for the cows and hurt himself quite badly.

There will be no service in the church next Sunday.

Rev. Luther Little attended the funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore on Monday afternoon. Burial in Phillipsburg Cemetery.

Mrs. Louisa Halstead is spending a few days with friends in Port Jervis.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ketchum gave them a surprise party at their home in this village Thursday night.

The War Graph exhibition was attended by a good audience, Wednesday night, and all enjoyed the entertainment. Mr. Deek was assisted by Mr. Rasey, of Chester.

TURNERS.

Personal Mention—Five Below Zero—Junior League's Fair—Literary Entertainment.

Correspondence of Aurora and Mercury.

Mrs. Wm. L. Dury is visiting friends in Newburgh.

Mrs. Ella Ketchum, of Mount Hope, returned home Tuesday, from a week's visit at E. E. Cortright's.

The thermometer registered 15° below zero, Wednesday.

The musical club, being held by the Junior League bids fair to be a most successful one.

A literary entertainment, under the auspices of our public school, will be given in the church hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The entertainers, Litta Austin Knight, assisted with music, vocal and instrumental, by home talent, will furnish amusement for all. Admission 25 cents, children under twelve, 10 cents.

It has been fully demonstrated that Eli's Cream Balm is a specific for nasal catarrh and cold in the head. This distinction has been achieved only as the result of continued successful use. A morbid condition of the membrane in the nasal passages can be cured by this purifying and healing treatment. Sold by druggists or it will be mailed for 50 cents by Eli Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. It spreads over the membrane, is absorbed and relief is immediate.

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A POPULAR MISTAKE

Regarding Remedies for Dyspepsia and Indigestion.

The national disease of Americans is indigestion or in its chronic form, dyspepsia, and for the very reason that it is so common many people neglect taking proper treatment for what they consider trifling stomach trouble, when as matter of fact, indigestion lays the foundation for many incurable diseases. No person with a vigorous, healthy stomach will fall a victim to consumption. Many kidney diseases and heart trouble date their beginning from poor indigestion, thus, nervous people are really so because their stomachs are out of gear; weary, languid, faded out women owe their condition to imperfect digestion.

When nearly every person you meet is afflicted with weak digestion it is not surprising that nearly every secret patent medicine on the market claims to be a cure for dyspepsia, as well as a score of other troubles, when in fact, as Dr. Werthner says, there is but one genuine dyspepsia cure which is perfectly safe and reliable, and moreover this remedy is not a patent medicine but it is a scientific combination of pure pepsin (free from animal matter), vegetable essences, fruit salts, bismuth. It is sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No extravagant claims are made for them, but for indigestion at any stomach trouble, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are far ahead of any remedy yet discovered. They act on the food eaten, no dieting is necessary, simply eat all the wholesome food you want and these tablets will digest it. A cure results, because all the stomach needs is a rest, which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets given by doing the work of digestion.

Druggists sell these tablets at 50c per package. Circulars and testimonials sent free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O & W R R.
15—North street and Low street hat shops.
16—North street and Waver street.
17—Rail road avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand street and Prince street.
19—East Main street, corner Garden avenue.
20—Wickham avenue corner Liberty street.
21—West Main street, corner West street.
22—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
23—James and Henry streets.
24—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
25—Lake street and West street.
26—West Main street cor. Monahan avenue.
27—State Hospital.
28—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
29—State Hospital (rear).
30—Lake street and Oliver street.
31—Pulton and Mill streets, hat shops.
32—Hill and Highland streets.
33—Chestnut street, cor. Main.
34—Mulberry and Pulton streets.
35—Grand View avenue and North street.
36—Fall on street and East avenue.
37—Academy and East Main street.
38—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
39—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
40—Academy street and Reading street.
41—Vernon and Prospect streets.
42—Grand street and Prospect avenue.
43—East Main street, corner Prospect avenue.
44—North street, opposite Press office.
45—Franklin square.
1 Stroke of bell denotes circuit is broken.
2-2-2 Stroke of bell denotes fire call.
3 Stroke of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 Stroke of bell denotes recall fire call.
21 Alarm of any box number, test signal.
2 Stroke of bell denotes that reserve companies are not needed.
2-2-2 Stroke of bell, followed by one round of box, indicates a call for out of town.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec 16.—"A Bachelor's Housewifery" at Casino.
—Dec 16.—"Macy-Gilley Combination" at the Casino.
—Dec 20.—Ontario Hotel Co.'s tenth annual ball, at Assembly Rooms.
—Jan. 2.—Geo. Lee's masquerade ball at Casino.
—Jan. 24.—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Dr. Carson's hall, at the Casino.
—Feb. 14.—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Russell H. Conwell, at the Casino.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Increasing cloudiness, followed by light snow, Saturday; warmer, southerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE

The following was the reading of the thermometer at Frost's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m. 29°; 12 m. 33°; 3 p. m. 43°.

President McKinley will return from the South with a hold upon the hearts of the people of that section such as no president has had since the war. His utterances concerning the war and its results have been of a kind to please the multitude, but what touched and captured southern hearts was the heartiness and evident sincerity of his declarations that sectionalism was at an end and the bitter memories of the civil war obliterated and forgotten.

Canada's new Governor-General, in a speech made at a banquet, Thursday night, replied to the recognized clanship of the Anglo-Saxon races as a mighty influence in the world's future, and urged friendly intercourse between the leading men of Canada and the United States as certain to lay the foundation of a friendship which will grow between the "two empires." All of which is of interest as showing how our new policy is regarded abroad, and because of its assumption that we are ready to join in hands with England in the alliance she is so eager to form.

Governor-elect Roosevelt has completed his inaugural message. He is understood to favor the repeal of Black's atrocious civil service measure and the substitution of rules similar to those which he enforced while a member of the United States Commission. He discusses the militia system at length, and favors a thorough reorganization on lines that will increase the efficiency of the national guard and bring it up to something like regular army standards. He suggests several canal reforms, some minor amendments to the excise and labor laws, and takes strong grounds against biennial sessions of the legislature.

NEW YORK'S BEET SUGAR PRODUCT.

Commissioner Waring, of the State agricultural department, estimates that 8,700,000 pounds of sugar will be the result of the yield of sugar beets in this State this year. Of this amount, 2,500,000 pounds will be manufactured at the Brighton factory and 1,200,000 pounds at Rome. The State pays a bounty of a cent a pound, which on the above yield will amount to \$37,000. An appropriation of \$66,000 is available for this purpose. The export of sugar beets is growing on the plains of the West, and of the State agricultural department show the past season to have been a very unfavorable one generally.

STREET CAR BLOCKADE.

Caused by No Man's Disputing Over the Right of Way.

Thursday night, two cars met on North street near John, and the motorman, Anderson and Wood proceeded to rest on their controllers while they argued as to which should back up. The passengers sat and thought about driving past through a gate and putting mud in motorman's ears until the traction company's bookkeeper happened along and quickly set the cars moving. This morning Supervisor Rock discussing both motorman on the ground that they should not have delayed travel, but should have presented their dispute before him, to have.

Motorman Peterson solved and rain not rising, the feeder returned into Kingston avenue bridge, and he bent it badly. He was not injured.

Dr. Whelan to Lecture in Louisville.

Dr. Frank E. Whelan of this city, will lecture on his experiences and observations in the South, at the Carnegie Music Theatre, Louisville, next Friday evening, for the benefit of the Warring Soldiers' Monument Association.

P. L. Court

—Judge presided up in court, to-day. Two drinks paid \$3 each.

CARS MUTILATED BY VANDALS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's new train of palace cars for its Chicago limited service, while standing in the yards at Jersey City, has been the object of malicious mischief by an unknown vandal. In the dining and buffet cars, crockery was smashed, tables split and leather backs of seats ripped out. Nothing was left intact of the handsome observation car except the floor and sides. Big windows were smashed to pieces, the plush of seats gouged and decorations of ceiling scratched and otherwise spoiled. Several cars were defaced in the same manner. Nothing was taken away.

Last Saturday night a train lying in the Erie railroad yards at Weehawken was similarly ruined.

GEN. DAVIS' PROCLAMATION.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Dec. 16.—Gen. Davis, the American commander at Pinar del Rio, has issued a proclamation saying that President McKinley has directed him to assure the inhabitants of the security of their lives and property as long as they are orderly. The general added that the President ordered him to assure the people that the United States has no war with the Cubans and that on the contrary the American troops came to protect their lives and property, respecting their personal and religious rights and the rights of local authorities in enforcing existing laws so long as equal justice is apportioned. Otherwise tribunals will be changed. Gen. Davis further declares that fair taxes will be levied and no favoritism shown.

PEACE COMMISSION COMING HOME

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The entire American peace commission leaves here for the United States via Havre and Southampton, to-night, and sails for New York, tomorrow, aboard the American line steamship St. Louis. It is known that Aguinaldo, the representative of Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, has lodged a strongly worded protest with the commission.

SHARP LEGAL BATTLE.

Trial of Stephen L. Merishok occupied the County Court, Thursday.—Only Two Witnesses Examined Thus Far.—Symphony for Arnott, Receiver of Stolen Goods.

The time of the County Court was occupied, Thursday, with the Merishok case. Only two witnesses were sworn, R. C. Whitehill, who was secretary and treasurer of the Hudson River Patent Company, and Cashier Kerr, of the Newburgh Bank. The legal battle between Assistant District Attorney Segar and the defendant's lawyer, Kitchings, of New York, who was assisted by W. B. Royce, of this city, was a pretty one. Several lawyers and two students were interested spectators.

Whitehill, who is a tall, red haired, red mustached specimen of slanting Newburgh, was a quibbling witness for the prosecution, and he built his case by trying to play foxy instead of being outspoken. Of the defendant, Merishok, and W. J. Robinson, who was his fellow promoter, the habitues of the court room, lawyers, etc., remarked: "They are a pair of shrewd, slick attituds."

The court was adjourned, Thursday afternoon, until Monday, owing to the funeral, to-day, of the late Eugene A. Brewster, at Newburgh.

It is believed that the recommendation of mercy made by the jury in the verdict in the case of Arnott, convicted of receiving stolen goods, will influence Judge Beattie, and that sentence will be suspended. Sheriff Strong stated, Thursday, that Arnott had cried all night in his cell, Wednesday. There is much sympathy expressed for him at home and at Goshen, and it being his first offense, it is probable that justice will be tempered with mercy.

Annual Sermon to Wrecked Engine Co.

Rev. David Evans will deliver the annual sermon to the Wrecked Engine Company at Grace Church, next Sunday evening.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that

Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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MEN'S JACKETS 25c.

Luzern All Wool Underwear. Former Prices \$1.50, Reduction Price 75c.

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Overcoats, Suits, Hats, House Coats, Bath Robes,

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OUR CELEBRATION SALE!

We will continue our prices as advertised for our sale until Dec. 17th.

Buy your presents before that date.

MORRIS B. WOLF.

"The Blue Front Store,"

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WE HAVE BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

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A good opportunity for the right man to obtain credit or local district as preferred. Wanted, a man well and favorably known, (practical men preferred) to sell on commission, all lines kind & to a high grade. Paints and Varnishes, etc., with references and full particulars of our locations, to BILLY'S, 1110 N. & C. St. (at 1st St.) New York City. A planter, rep. exp. with rec. from reliable firms on painting and varnishing. dFrittoJolt 19

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And the dainty crystal vials holding them—so worthy their precious contents—cut glass bottles in perfect taste and in all sizes for all purses?

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Our SPECIAL PERFUME sale at CHRISTMAS is a welcome boon to the puzzled searcher.

For 25 cents you buy a pretty package—for 75 cents a "gem," but regardless of price or size your gift is perfect in its way—quality the best in the world.

For it's with the many people we find our patrons—it's the masses whom we wish as customers.

COME AND SEE!
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Christmas Presents.

We have been six months in selecting our present holiday stock, with the result that such a variety of beautiful things, been displayed this side of New York.

Our own importation is better than the risk of carrying any of these goods over another season. We have marked the prices at a very small profit.

LAMPS.
These have been displayed in our windows, as the different styles and the fact that we have been compelled to duplicate our orders is evident that the line is not surpassed.

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We have selected from many manufacturers their very best patterns, and have most any kind you want and at all prices.

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All kinds, and purchased just for the holiday season. MOUNTED CARPETS, WRITING DESKS, BIRCH CANES, BRICKS, and FURNISHING. Please come and see. Before you go elsewhere please examine our stock, and if the prices are not the lowest ever offered in town, we won't go you to buy. Goods shipped promptly and delivered any time you want.

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—Toys and games at Tompkins.
—New Pre-Insured cash prices.
—Christmas trimmings at Hill & Youngblood's.
—Honey Me a Jar at B. F. Todua.
—Toys and games at Tompkins.
—Trunk display at Hill & Youngblood's.
—Sausage's poodle 25c at Hill & Youngblood's.
—Sky tarrier dog lost.
—Dewalt restored by Dr. Miller Norris.
—Candies given with Fairy Soap.
—Quintessence cured by Cassarea.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Bachelors' hop, to-night. Order carriages at N. D. Mills.

—Remember the "Bachelor's Honeymoon" at the Casino, to-night.

—Ice cream in bricks. Try Peewee at Purps old stand.

—Jacob Lehn shows considerable improvement, to-day.

—There will be a special meeting of the Water Board, to-morrow night.

—Fine bou bones and chocolates at Laskaris' Palace Confectionery, 34 North street.

—For fresh pure candies made every day try them. Peewee at Purps old stand.

—A niece of Miss Winter's will entertain a party of friends at the Children's Home, to-night.

—Fresh peanut brittle, coconut brittle and chewing tuff at Laskaris', 34 North street and 17 West Main street.

—A full rehearsal of principals of the "Chimes of Normandy" will take place, this evening, at Monahan's parlors, at 8 o'clock.

—If you want to witness the incidents of a "Bachelor's Honeymoon" you should buy seats for the entertainment at the Casino, to-night.

—Capt. Joe Johnson had the bad luck to lose a bunch of seven keys, Tuesday evening. He will be thankful the finder will have them at this office.

—Remember the prices of admission for the Gay Bros' Minstrels at the Casino, to-morrow night, are only 25, 35, and 50 cents. Boxes and lodges 75 cents.

—A slight fire in the sash and blind factory of J. M. Cogo & Co., in Port Jervis, Thursday afternoon, was extinguished before much damage was done.

—Six soldiers votes are to be counted in Chenango county, and it is estimated that they will cost the county \$100 each and they in no way affect the result of the election.

—The "Old Kentucky Home" Company which played in this city, Dec. 3, has gone to pieces, having failed to reach Norwich, where it was to have appeared Wednesday night.

—The Guy Bros' Minstrels will give a street parade at noon to-morrow. This company is well known in this city, and it is safe to say that the Casino will be well filled to-morrow evening.

—Collins' Band and the Newburgh Drum Corps and the Fishkill and Mattawan Band have offered to furnish music free of charge for the reception in honor of Newburgh's soldiers.

—The Sawtelle Dramatic Company will open a week's engagement at the Casino, next Monday evening, by presenting "The Dangers of a Great City" at popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

—The "Bachelor's Honeymoon" is said to be one of the funniest of all funny plays. The prices are as usual, and those in attendance at the Casino, to-night, will undoubtedly enjoy themselves.

—The concert for the German Church will be very fine. You can hear the German Liederkreis, Prof. Roescher's full orchestra, the mandolin quartette and exquisite soloists. Admission only 25 cents; at the Assembly Rooms, Dec. 22.

—Relatives of the 24th boys desiring tickets of admission to the armory on the night of the company's return may secure them by applying to Armorer Rose, at the armory, Monday and Tuesday, from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

PERSONAL.

—Wm. Oakes, of Ishu, L. I., is the guest of John R. Purcell, of the Palm.

—W. B. Royce went to Newburgh, to-day, to attend the funeral of E. A. Brewster.

—Mayor Munce is recovering from his severe throat trouble, and was at his office, to-day.

—William Reise, of Ellenville, has secured a position in the U. S. W. machine shops in this city.

—Ensign and Mrs. V. N. Powelson will sail for Havana, to-morrow, on the Ward liner "City of Washington."

—Miss Gertrude Battell, who has been Tompkins' milliner during the past season, returned to her home in Canton, N. Y., to-day.

—H. L. Coleman, who has been on the trolley line here almost from the first car's first trip, has resigned, and went to Westhaven, to-day, to accept a position as flagman on the West Shore.

—Capt. Stephen Gibbs went to Boston, to-day, to take charge of the office there of the Atlantic Transportation Company. This is a quick promotion for Capt. Gibbs since his connection with that company.

—Miss Sarah M. Snyder, oldest daughter of Arthur Snyder, of Pine Bush, has returned from California, after an absence of about five years. She talks most interestingly of the many wonderful things she saw in the far west.

—A Raines Law Inspector in Town.

—Andrew Frazer, a Raines law inspector, is in town looking after the tax certificate returned in the Miller saloon fire on Depot street. It is probable that while here he may look after other matters connected with the enforcement of the law.

TO WELCOME THE SOLDIERS.

Plans Discussed and Preparations Made at the Meeting of the Committee, Thursday Night — Sub-Committee Named for Different Purposes.

The 24th boys will be given a grand reception when they return some day next week. The committee is in charge of the affair and making active preparations and everybody in Orange county is invited to come here and swell the crowd which will welcome the boys. Chester, Goshen, Greycourt and Bullville are all planning to send large delegations here that day or night.

The plans were pushed forward at a meeting at the Council rooms, Thursday night, when the following committee-men met:

Charles L. Elwood, E. W. VanDuzer, H. C. Benson, Wm. Seeholzer, Charles Higham, Daniel Schmitt, Geo. W. Reed and Fred M. Rogers.

Mr. Elwood was made chairman and Mr. Benson secretary.

Plans were proposed and discussed at some length.

Chief Higham was appointed a committee of one to look after the music.

The financial committee appointed was: Charles Higham, chairman; F. S. Rogers, treasurer, and H. C. Benson, auditor.

Chief Veber and the Board of Engineers of the fire department will have charge of the line of march and the formation.

All of the fire companies, the 124th Company, and perhaps other organizations will participate in the parade.

Messrs. VanDuzer and Reed will call on liverymen and endeavor to secure donations of coaches to meet the train and take in any soldiers who may be sick.

Any soldiers not living here will be taken care of on their arrival if it should be at night. Chief Higham said he would take in as many as he could and he knew Mr. Brown and Mr. Lee would do the same. Mr. Seeholzer and Mr. Rose were made a committee to look after this matter.

Harry M. Hayes was made chairman of the fire works committee, and empowered to purchase red fire, roman candles and sky rockets for use if the men arrive at night, at a cost not exceeding \$100.

On suggestion of Capt. Veber cards of admission to the armory on the occasion of the boys' return will be issued to relatives who desire to go into the armory and await the arrival of the soldiers. Emerson Rose will have these tickets at the armory.

On Mr. Seeholzer's suggestion it is likely that a banquet will be tendered the boys a week or so later. No one will participate except the "boys." The banquet will begin at 6 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock the armory will be opened and the soldiers' friends may come in. Speeches will follow and perhaps a dance.

Mr. Seeholzer was appointed chairman of the commissary department.

Any organizations desiring a place in line should report to Capt. Veber or Chief Higham.

There will be a meeting of the sub-committees at police headquarters, to-night, at 8 o'clock.

OBITUARY.

Elisha Terwilliger.

Elisha Terwilliger, a well known and highly respected farmer of Bloomingburg, died there suddenly, Tuesday morning, of heart failure, aged sixty years.

He is survived by his widow and the following sons and daughters: Fred and Eli, of New York city; James, of Bloomingburg; Reul, at home; Mrs. J. T. Hardenburgh and Mrs. R. M. Gorton, of New York city; Caroline, Sadie, Winnie and Eva at home. The following sisters also survive: Mrs. Emma Weller, Mrs. Abel Blanchard and Miss Ella Terwilliger, of this city; and Mrs. J. Bangs Mance, of near Dutchkill.

HOLE CUT IN HER BOW.

The Brett, of the Newburgh Line, Damaged by Ice.

The steamer James T. Brett, running temporarily on the Ramsdell line between New York and Newburgh, while going down the river, Wednesday night, had a hole cut in her bow by sharp ice through which she was trying to force a passage. To save her from sinking she was run on the Piermont flats. The hole was patched, the water pumped out and the boat went on to New York under her own steam.

Ontario Hose Company's Hoel.

Ontario Hose Company's hoel, a social, Thursday night, at its truck house. Dancing to music by McWilliams' orchestra kept the large party very jolly until a late hour. The committee in charge consisted of: Milo Hopkins, Alex. Cointot and Frank Bowers.

O. and W. Stock May Be Divided.

It is reported in New York that the Ontario and Western's common stock will be divided into two classes—common and preferred—and that the preferred stock so formed will receive a dividend.

Shot a Canadian Lynx.

Arthur Snyder shot, not long ago, on his farm two miles east of Pine Bush, a strange animal which has been identified as a Canadian lynx. It was three feet in length.

Four Months At Albany for Assaulting His Wife.

Charles Hill, a well known colored man, was arrested, to-day, on a charge of assaulting his wife. He was sent to Albany Penitentiary for four months.

THE MISSES HOWLAND'S CONCERT

A Well Selected and Well Rendered Programme Planned a Large Audience.

The Misses Howland's concert at the Casino, Thursday evening, was attended by a fair sized audience, whose enjoyment of the fine programme, which was admirably rendered, would have been greatly enhanced had the temperature of the building been raised to the comfort point.

The Misses Howland sang sweetly and with a new hold on popular favor; Mr. Odell's fine voice was heard to the best advantage; Miss Andrews proved herself an accomplished pianist and Miss Rogers' recitations showed good taste, careful study and a fine appreciation of dramatic effect.

The programme follows:

Nina. A. Garcia
The Misses Howland. Mary E. Wilkins
Egyptian War Song. Hadley
Shepherd's All and Ma dena Peir. Nevin
The Thistle. M. V. White
The Tear House Land. Walter Slaughter
I Feel Thy Angel's Art. Grahel Hoffmann
Miss Anna Howland and Mr. Odell
Joseph Brown's Fourship. Ruth M. Stuart
A Bull with a Cattle. Robin
A May Morning. Mr. Odell
Queen of the Night. Smart
Misses Howland and Mr. Odell.

MATTHIAS MATTHEWS A DESERTER

Will Be Turned Over to the U. S. Military Authorities at New York.

When Matthias Matthews stood up before Judge Beattie, Wednesday, and said that he was not a deserter, that he was home on a furlough and that he had lost his furlough papers, everybody who saw his face knew that he lied. Judge Beattie's disposition of his case was to say that he should be taken to New York by an officer and if the story was found to be correct he was to be delivered to the U. S. army authorities; if not, he was to be sent to Elmira Reformatory.

When Sheriff Strong was preparing to go down with him Matthews said:

"There's no use of your going down there, Sheriff; I'm a deserter. I won't put you to the trouble of taking me there."

A telegram was then sent to Fort Constitution and a reply was received that he was a deserter and asking that he be delivered to the authorities in New York. He may be sent to a military prison for five years.

THE GOSHEN JAIL DELIVERY.

Grudinski Has Told the Whole Story to District Attorney Powelson.

District Attorney Powelson knows all about how the recent jail delivery at Goshen was accomplished. Just after Grudinski was sentenced to State's prison, Wednesday, the District Attorney called him one side and asked how it was done. Grudinski told that if he would promise never to tell what his information was he would give him the straight story. Mr. Powelson promised and the story was told him. Of course, the mystery will annoy the reporters a bit, but the District Attorney will not tell the story.

Subscriptions to the Soldiers' Reception Fund.

It will be necessary to raise funds for the purpose of receiving the 24th boys properly, and to that end the committee will place blanks at popular meeting places, the hotels, banks, newspaper offices etc., where popular subscriptions will be received.

Superintendents of the Poor Hasbrouck and Sutherland, were in town, to-day, and they each left \$2 with E. W. VanDuzer, member of the committee.

Of Interest to Holders of O. and W. Bonds.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the bankers who have charge of the refunding of the O. and W.'s five per cent bonds into the new four per cent, bonds of the company give notice that the allowance in cash to be made upon refunding will, after December 31 next, be reduced to one-half per cent.

O. and W. Brakeman Badly Hurt.

Arthur Baltz, an O. and W. brakeman, whose home is in Utica but who boards in Norwich, was assisting in filling the tank of an engine near the Summit, Wednesday evening, when he slipped and fell to the ground, striking his head on the rail. It is feared his skull is fractured.

Horses in a Tangle.

Munn's music store team was backing out of the way of a trolley car at the rear entrance to the store, this morning, when one of the horses slipped and fell and the other fell on top of it. It was quite a job to straighten out the tangle.

A Middletown Woman Honored.

Mrs. Norris, president of Capt. W. D. Fuller Woman's Veteran Relief Union, has been appointed chief mustering and installing officer of the Relief Union of the U. V. U., for New York State.

Hall Death With Joy.

"I was a great sufferer from Heart Disease. The disease was so great I was confined to bed for days. I often thought I could find death with joy. No physician could give me relief. I procured a bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, the first dose gave me almost instant relief. I have taken four bottles. I never felt better in my life."—Mrs. Margaret Smith, Rensselaer, Ont.
Sold by J. E. Mill and McMonagle & Rogers.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Jubilee Concerts—Vocal Society Rehearsal—Getting Better—The Christmas Sale.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—A jubilee concert will be held at the A. U. M. P. Church, Thursday evening, Dec. 22. Supper will be served.

—The Vocal Society will meet for rehearsal at the Presbyterian Chapel, to-night.

—James G. Speir and Lewis Wilcox, who have been ill, are improving.

—A number of Christmas goods were sold at the fair held at the Presbyterian Chapel by the ladies of the church, Thursday afternoon.

—Dr. R. L. McGeech, who has had the grip, is getting better.

—Tickets for the "Chimes of Normandy," to be produced at the Casino, Middletown, Dec. 28 and 29, may be had at Power's drug store.

ON THEIR WAY EAST.

First Detachment of the First New York Crossing the Continent.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The first detachment of the First New York Regiment is now homeward bound. The company which recently returned from Honolulu and have been in the Presidio, broke camp, Thursday morning, and marched to the ferry.

No unusual display or ceremony marked the departure of the volunteers. At an early hour all baggage to be returned to the Empire State was loaded on heavy four horse trucks and taken to Market street. Marching out at noon, the men crossed the bay and were soon aboard their train.

The Scandia will arrive from Honolulu with the remaining portion of the New York Regiment in a few days, and it is expected that the men will be quickly sent home.

The Universalist Supper.

The men's supper at the Universalist parsonage was a great success, Thursday night. The supper was a fine one and well patronized. The sales tables were well patronized, nearly all of the articles being sold. About \$175 was cleared.

Suit Against the O. and W.

John Hartis suing the Ontario and Western before a Norwich justice to recover \$75, the alleged value of a valise which he says he checked to Norwich but which was never delivered to him.

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HUNTING THE CHAMOIS.

The chamois belongs to the order of the goat antelope and the animals have short black horns curving back at the points.

Chamois are as a rule hunted in two ways—by stalking or driving with beaters—and hunters say it is one of the finest sports in existence.

It is a mistake to fancy the chamois lives only where there is snow and ice, for they are as fond of green fields as the cattle which graze on the low slopes of the mountains.

The chamois is usually identified with Switzerland, but the animal is less common there than in any other country which it inhabits. Austria is the real home of the chamois, where they are most plentiful.

Chamois driving differs little from deer driving, except that the beaters have often bad ground to cover. The only skill consists in shooting straight and picking out the bucks, which is facilitated by the animal's habit of frequently stopping to look back.

In hunting the chamois the first thing to do is to find a high point of vantage, where the chamois are watched. When one lies down he usually remains there some hours, and then is the hunter's chance. Then commences the "stalk," which has to be conducted most warily. With care a shot can generally be secured at 150 yards.

There is a variation of driving the chamois called rigeln, which is rather sporting and consists of a herd being first found with the glass and then moved by a few beaters toward the hastily posted guns. As a further variation of this, one or two guns post themselves, while another attempts a stalk. Whether he succeeds or fails, the animal will probably give the other guns a shot.

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Pleasure is like a hornet—generally ends with a sting.
Flattery is like cologne water—to be smelt of, not swallowed.
A "gentleman about town" is one who pays cash for everything except his debts.
Rumor is like a swarm of bees—the more you fight them the less you get rid of them.
Anxiety is milking a kicking beifer with one hand and holding her by the tail with the other.
Fortune is the aggregate of possibilities—a goddess whom cowards court by stealth, but whom brave men take by storm.
Kiss—The only way to define a kiss is to take one, and then sit down, all alone, out of the draught, and smack your lips.
Friendship is like earthenware—if it is broken it can be mended; but love is like a mirror—once broken, that ends it.
Contentment is a kind of moral laziness; if there weren't anything but contentment in this world, man wouldn't be any more of a success than an angle-worm is.

MUSIC AND ANIMALS.

One dog amuses every one because when his owner practices on a violin he howls so distressingly that he has to be shut up. Whenever the piano is played, on the contrary, he edges up to the player as close as possible and beams delight.

A handsome and sensible pussy owned by a puzzled lady will sleep sweetly during general conversation, singing and piano playing, but let a certain hymn tune be sounded, she wakes, arches her back, meows and will not be comforted till the tune is finished, when she resumes her interrupted nap.

A man who owns some Pomeranian dogs says that at the sound of his cornet one of the little animals will rush around the house wild with delight, begging and dancing. Another of the Pomeranians will not notice the cornet, but delights in the piece pipe, begs, wags his tail, and, if he can get the chance, licks the small instrument that produces the music he loves.

A well-known man has a dog which does not object to music in any form or as produced by any player, but he strongly objects to the crowing of a certain cock. This might not seem so peculiar if it were not that only when this especial chanicleer raises his voice does the dog begin to howl. The other roosters may crow ever so loudly, and they make no impression whatever on Bouncer, the dog, who only joins in the chorus when his nemesis crows.

THE DOG AT WORK.

Throughout Holland and Belgium to a great extent the dog takes the place of the horse.

In some parts of Germany and Russia dogs are trained for war purposes. They are also used for smuggling purposes, being trained to shun a person in uniform.

In some parts of France dogs are used to work machinery, somewhat in the same way as the donkey at Carisbrook castle.

Sledge dogs form an essential part of all Arctic exploration parties. Little could be done without them. Dr. Nansen has a good deal to say about them, their capabilities, etc., in his recent book.

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Kind Old Man—Lose a penny?

Boy—Naw! Didn't have any.

Kind Old Man—Get a whipping?

Boy—Naw!

Kind Old Man—Then what are you crying for?

Boy—Wanted ter see who'd be th' first chump ter come along 'n' ask that question.—Brooklyn Life.

Living Up to His Principles.

"Look here!" exclaimed the woman who had made a sandwich for a tramp and then thoughtlessly left him alone for a minute within reach of two whole pies, "what do you mean by eating all that pie?"

"Madam," replied the tramp politely, as he let his belt out another hole, "I am a believer in expansion."—Chicago Post.

The Happiest Man.

Who is the happiest man?

Is it he who is wealthy and great?

Is it he that is doing the best that he can?

Or he that governs the state?

Is it he that has won a fair maid for his own?

Or the warrior who makes his foes weep?

No; it is he who is sitting alone with a woman who knows how to flatter.

—Cleveland Leader.

OLEVER PUZZLE PICTURE.



Find the captain of artillery.—Helter Skelter.

Drowned Out.

Oh, the trump of fame is a megaphone. Which wonderful might can employ. But it's quite forgotten when you hear the tone of a tin horn attached to a boy.

—Washington Star.

Earnest and Outspoken.

"What is your opinion of coercion at the polls?" inquired the young man.

"I am against it!" exclaimed Senator Sorghum, hitting his desk in order to emphasize his words. "I think, sir, that trying to get even the humblest citizen to vote your way without paying him for it is an outrage!"—Washington Star.

Alas!

Gladys—What's become of Mabel?

Belle—She's joined the great majority.

Gladys—You don't mean to say she's dead?

Belle—Oh, no! Married a man named Smith.—N. Y. Journal.

Very Evident.

Tommy—Is your grandpa who is visiting you your father's papa or your mother's papa?

Willie—Why, he's mother's papa, of course. Can't you see he's smoking his pipe in the parlor?—Judge.

Had Done Pretty Well.

"I never was much on fiction," said the young man.

"My boy," replied the wise father, "have you forgotten the expense account you used to send me when you were at college?"—Chicago Post.

Not Contagious.

He (after a wait)—Do you know, I could die waiting?

She (out of breath)—Perhaps you could, Mr. Popcorn; but that's no reason why you should expect others to die with you.—Illustrated American.

She Could and She Would.

"That," observed a friend of the family, "is a very superior woman. She can converse intelligently, I believe, on a thousand different topics."

"Yes," sighed her husband—"and she does."—Tit-Bits.

The Way of the World.

"Who is the lady that has been owing you for such a long time?" asked the dressmaker of her friend, the milliner.

"The wife of old Grudley, the 'cash grocer,'" answered the milliner.

Callow and Inexperienced.

Adèle—What do you think? Young Leslie actually proposed to me last night.

Clara—That's nothing. This is his first season and he is popping away at everything.—Town Topics.

At School.

Teacher—What is a fort?

Pupil—A place for soldiers to live in.

Teacher—And a fortress?

Pupil—A place for soldier's wives to live in.—N. Y. Truth.

Public Property.

"What is a secret, Aunt Nan?"

"A secret—well, a secret is something awfully interesting that nobody has ever told anybody, but that everybody knows."—Cleveland Leader.

Her Only Chance.

Mrs. Benham—I'm sorry I married a fool.

Benham—Don't worry about it; you couldn't have married anybody but a fool.—Town Topics.

They Are All Young.

"What a sanguine man Cooper is!"

"Sanguine?"

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